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August 2022

Summer may be winding down but happenings in Rush County are ramping up! Be sure to check out the [community calendar](#) and [bicentennial website](#). Don't forget to [pre-order your copy of *Reflections of Rush County*](#), the official commemorative book.

While bicentennials only come around once, your support of RCCF lasts forever and grows in the process because of the [power of endowment](#). One scholarship fund that was started in 1994 has paid out more than one and a half times its initial value in just 28 years! Your support works for good and forever, Alisa.

Counting on Love: The Robert and Gleela Baldwin Fund for Early Learning

When brothers **Nathan and Jacob Baldwin** approached RCCF about starting a fund to honor their grandparents, **Robert and Gleela Baldwin**, executive director, Alisa Winters, saw a unique opportunity to give our youngest residents a hand up.

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Gleaners Makes \$500,000 Investment in RCCA and REC Center



Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana distributes food to those in need within a 21-county area of Indiana, including Rush County. Their commitment has grown beyond only providing food. Through a unique approach, they are also fundraising for and providing capacity building grants to their partner programs. Gleaners' staff were in Rushville last week to present **Rush County Community Assistance** (RCCA) with a \$500,000 grant to help fund their expanded new location at the forthcoming REC Center.

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A Blooming Good Time!

Our second Ladies Lunch & Learn was a blooming good time! Smiles and laughter filled the backroom at **Vogel's Florist & Landscaping** as we caught up with some dear friends. Many thanks to Jennifer and her staff for hosting and sharing their pro tips and to **Elizabeth's Keepsakes** for a delightful lunch!



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Grantee Update: Carthage Volunteer Fire Department



Carthage Volunteer Fire Department

According to a study by researchers at Purdue, more than 900 cases of grain engulfment have been reported with a fatality rate of 62 percent over the past 50 years. The Carthage Volunteer Fire Department proactively sought a grant to prevent Rush County farmers from adding to these statistics. How important is your support of RCCF? It could save a life!

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Message from Graduating Lilly Endowment Community Scholar: Barbara Hershberger



It's an RCCF tradition. Hear about about Barbara's biggest takeaway from her college experience.

August is National Make-A-Will Month

Everyone from 18 to 80 needs a will. It's one of those tasks that can fall by the wayside. You can use this [FREE tool](#) to create yours in under 20 minutes. Get started today for your loved ones and for peace of mind.



Will you consider joining the amazing people who have helped RCCF by including legacy gifts in their plans? [You can leave a %, specific amount or remainder of your estate to support Rush County forever.](#)

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Grant Applications Due 9/1/2022
[Field of Interest Funds & Rush County Education Fund \(Thank-a-Teacher\)](#)

Community Grants Cycle II Letters of Intent Due 9/1/2022
[Learn more](#)

ICYMI (In Case You Missed It)

Here are the top stories from last month.



[The Legacy of Helen and Jim Ewing](#)



[\\$17,000 Awarded to Nonprofits](#)



[Get a Bicentennial Postal Cancellation](#)

July Tribute Gifts

Each gift you make in memory or in honor of a loved one supports Rush County forever. We are grateful for your kindness and generosity!

In Memory of:

Alice Ruth Wiley, Glen Wiley,
Lauren Alice Wiley
Barry Ward
Charlie Gratzer
Corey Bostic
Doug Lowes
Forrest and Louise Piles
Marilyn Schroeder

Mary George
Mary Link
Melissa Murphy Carr
Michael Clifford
Michael Wicker
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